

basis, just straight per pupil basis state aid to education. It gets rid of the principle that vocational education courses are going to be given more money simply by virtue of the fact that they are vocational education courses. I think that Senator Remmers, who I think is the only career educator among us, raised a very legitimate point when this was on General File and I think if I understood him correctly, the point that he was trying to make is that this kind of bill that directs state aid to vocational education and directs it in certain specific kinds of proportions significantly reduces the freedom of school administrators to apply state aid monies where they see fit. Now I think if you look back at the different school districts in your school district, it may be that some of them need money for vocational education and would want to spend money for vocational education. On the other hand, it may be that in particular school districts the money is much more needed for physics, science courses, maybe language, their needs may be different and I object to the process of designating in our state aid bills that this money is going to be used for a specific purpose and taking away from the local school districts the right to decide how best the funds that we give them can be used. I think that this particular mechanism is a significant step towards state control of the curriculum in the schools through state manipulation of the purse strings. So that is the principal reason why I am offering this amendment which does not kill the bill, which does not reduce the amount of aid that we are giving but simply leaves it to the discretion of the school administrators to decide where to apply that state aid. I might also point out to you, second point, that this is the year where we are having a major school bill and as most of you probably know, that bill is going to recommend perhaps...at least \$25 million, as I understand it, and maybe as much as \$50 million in state aid to education at the secondary level, in the elementary level. So we are already this year programming in a huge amount of state aid to education and don't forget, that that state aid to education can be used for vocational programs should the local school districts decide to do that or it is my understanding that it will be structured that way. Certainly those amounts that are going to be used for